

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2005. Claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-25 and 27-34 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5, 11, 17, 23 and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28 and 30-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reitmeier (U.S. Patent Application No. 200/0003881) in view of Orrin (U.S. Patent No. 6,011,849). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Reitmeier and Orrin teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28 and 30-34.

Claims 1, 8, 14, 20, 26 have been cancelled. Allowable claims 5, 11, 17, 23 and 29 have been amended to include all of the limitations of the respective base claims. Claims 32-34 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claims 17, 23 and 29, respectively. Therefore, claims 5, 11, 17, 23, 29 and 32-34 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-4, 6 and 7 depend from claim 5. Claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 depend from claim 11. Claims 15, 16, 18 and 19 depend from claim 17. Claims 21, 22, 24 and 25 depend from claim 23. Claims 27, 28, 30 and 31 depend from claim 29. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for the independent claims. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, claims 1 to 34 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated. For the forgoing reasons, the application, including claims 2-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-25 and 27- 34, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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